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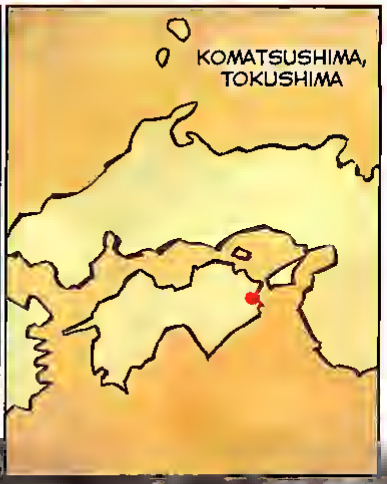
IN THIS NATURALLY RICH LAND SURROUNDED BY SEA,


KOMATSUSHIMA, TOKUSHIMA

THERE IS AN ANCIENT OBJECT...
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新水瀬里マユ載
IMY BRIDE-TO-BE IS A NONHUMAN PRINCESS.
金長大明神
姫さま狸の恋算用
HIMESAMADANUKINOKOIZANYOU
THAT IS ABOUT TO DISAPPEAR.
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CHAPTER ONE

THE CRIES OF A TANUKI AT THE HEART OF KOMATSUSHIMA

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大和
CHIRP CHIRP
I TOLD YOU, NO!!
WHAT'S WITH THIS CAREER SURVEY?!
I'VE TOLD YOU MANY TIMES THAT YOU'RE THE FAMILY'S HEIR, SO YOU CAN'T LEAVE THE PREFECTURE!!
ANYWAY! WHATEVER YOU SAY, YOU'RE NOT ALLOWED OUT OF THE PREFECTURE!
As your mother, I will never allow it!!
ah~
FLME
N-NOT REALLY. HOW DO I EXPLAIN THIS... UM...
Uh~
Ha..
THUMP
WHY IS THIS SCHOOL YOUR FIRST CHOICE? IS THERE SOMETHING YOU WANT TO DO THERE?!
BUT— I WANT TO DECIDE OF MY OWN FUTURE.

SWISSH
YAMATO RIKU (17) HIGH SCHOOL 2ND YEAR
MOTHERS ARE SCARY—
Why she gotta be so mad for?
FORGET IT, IT'S NOT LIKE I CHOSE THAT SCHOOL FOR ITS COURSES
Indigo dyes are one of Tokushima's main products... although you can trace its origin back to the Yamato family...
For generations, the Yamato family held a dyeing shop specialized in indigo dyes
As the only child, I am naturally the heir.
Despite knowing what is expected of me, I am currently facing a future career problem...
I NEED TO GET A NEW FORM...
HM?
AHN
RIKU-CHAN, WATCH OUT!!

OI, MOMOKA! YOU'RE THE OWNER... WHY DIDN'T YOU GRAB THE LEASH?!
AHN
AHN
YOU DODGED JUST IN TIME!
WOW~
AS EXPECTED OF RIKU-CHAN,
I'M SORRY. KINAKO ALWAYS GETS EXCITED SEEING YOU.
KINAKO REALLY LIKES YOU.
PLEASE STOP
BUT RIKU, YOU'RE NOT GOOD WITH DOGS
AH HA HA
WHAT A CASE OF UNREQUITED LOVE!
AH, THAT'S RIGHT.
I almost forgot!!!

GOOD MORNING, RIKU-CHAN~
HA HA HA

As you can see, she's a bit of an airhead.
Why are you so exhausted in the morning?
MOR-NING...
This slow witted person is called Konoe Momoka, a childhood friend.
I guess it's a natural thing...

AH
IS THIS YOUR CAREER SURVEY?
I already gave mine in.
FLIP
WHERE DID YOU APPLY TO?

進路調
第一志望
第二志望
WAIT, THERE ARE ERASE MARKS.
YOU DIDN'T WRITE ANYT...
WHY IS IT RIPPED? WHAT HAPPENED?
O-OI, GIVE THAT BACK!

GEEZ, YOU'RE SO STINGY! JUST LET ME SEE, LET ME SEE~
Let me see~
AH! AH! AH! SO AN-NOYING!
S-STOP LOOKING!
HM~?

YEAH!
SPEAKING OF WHICH, YOUR FIRST CHOICE IS THE UNIVERSITY OF ART AND DESIGN IN KYOTO, RIGHT?

KYOTO IS SO MOE!
GEH, YOU'VE MIXED IN NARA!
AFTER GOING THERE FOR AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TRIP, I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO GO BACK!!!
WELL, LIVING IN KYOTO IS MY DREAM!

AH~
SO UNINTERESTING?
IT'S OUTSIDE THE PREFECTURE! OUTSIDE THE PREFECTURE!
ANYWAY, TELL ME YOUR CHOICES~ PLEASE~
YOU'RE SO CAREFREE... SUCH AN IMPORTANT SURVEY AND YOU'VE DECIDED JUST LIKE THAT...
DO YOU KNOW YOUR OWN DEVIATION?
IT'S A GOOD REASON!!!
WHOOOOSH!!
HUH?
OUTSIDE WHER-
KYA?!
FWUSH
AH?

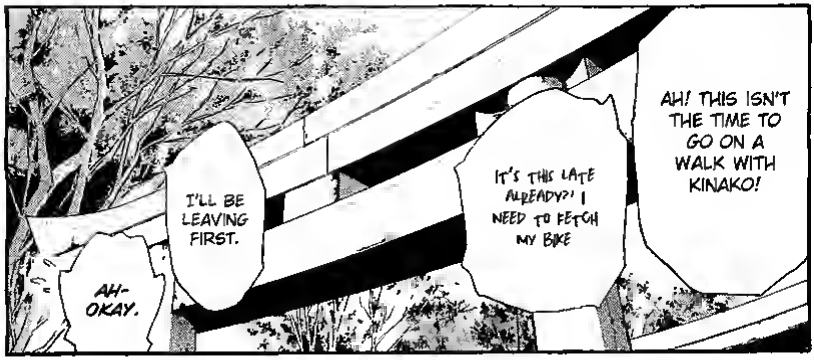
金剛
GRR
CRLL
CRLL

*KAMISAMA=SHINTO SPIRITS/PHENOMENA

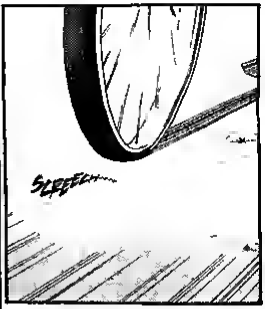
RUFF
RUFF
RUFF
RUFF
KYA!
Kenshi what's wrong?
THE LAND IS PROBABLY STINGY AND ANGERED THE KAMISAMA*
YOU!! WHAT KAMISAMA, GEEZ. IT'S THE TANUKI! TANUKI!
There are quite a number of them!
THERE'S A SHRINE NEXT TO MY HOUSE THAT MY FAMILY HAS BEEN ENTRUSTED TO TAKE CARE OF.
WE ALWAYS HAVE TO KEEP IT SPARKLING CLEAN!
Pant pant...
I PERSONALLY FIND FOX STATUES MORE STYLISH
BUT TANUKIS ARE SO CUTE!
Silence...
EVERYONE USED TO EMBRACE THIS PLACE.
AND IT PROBABLY PROSPERED.
NO ONE REALLY TALKS ABOUT A TANUKI YOUKAI TURNING INTO A HUMAN ANYMORE RIGHT?
TOKUSHIMA WAS ALWAYS KNOWN AS THE "HOME OF THE TANUKIS"!
FURTHERMORE, KOMATSUSHIMA IS THEIR BIRTHPLACE
AND NO ELDERLY ONES COME TO PRAY.
They must be lonely

*IN JAPANESE FOLKLORE, KITSUNES (FOXES) AND TANUKIS ARE CHARACTERIZED AS TRICKSTERS WITH THEIR ABILITY TO SHAPESHIFT

AH, THAT'S RIGHT! I HAVE SOMETHING TO ASK YOU!
OUR MIDTERMS ARE COMING UP, RIGHT? LET'S STUDY TOGETHER!
PLEASE TUTOR ME!
HUH? AGAIN? YOU ALWAYS FALL ASLEEP THOUGH...
I'LL DO MY BEST!
Please! Please! 10th Grader Riku! Please! P-p-p-please-
...WHICH SUB-JECT?
EVERY-THING!!
12
WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME LEFT!!!
GEEZ, THEN LET'S START TODAY... BE READY, OKAY?
FOCUS.
THANK YOU!


AH! THIS ISN'T THE TIME TO GO ON A WALK WITH KINAKO!
IT'S THIS LATE ALREADY?! I NEED TO FETCH MY BIKE
I'LL BE LEAVING FIRST.
AH- OKAY.

COUGH COUGH COUGH
AH, ISN'T SHE GOING TO BE LATE?


SCREECH...

Ahaha
I
like to see
her laugh
like that.

We were together ever since we were children.

No matter what she wanted to do, I always wanted to help her finish.

That's why

if she wants to leave the prefecture, I want to help her achieve that goal.

But if she does get into that school, I'll probably never be able to see her smile again.

...

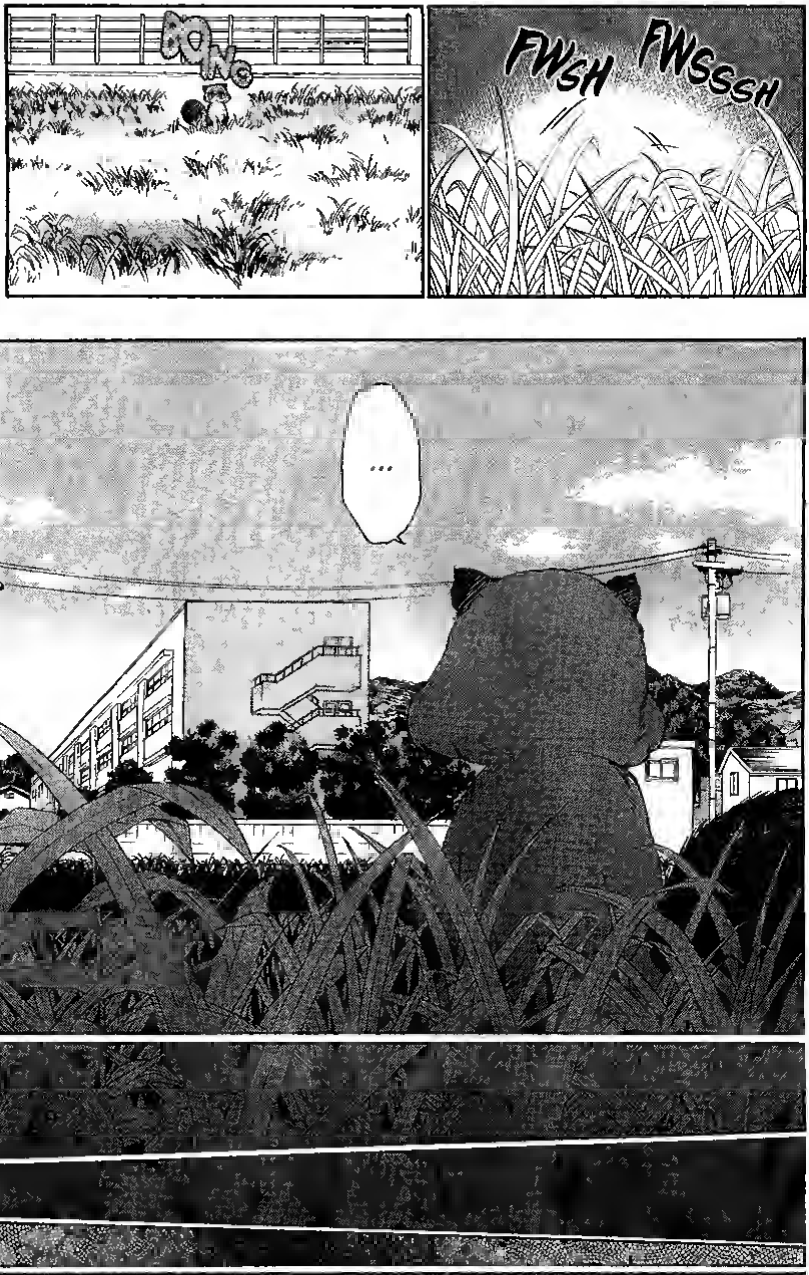
AH.
Eh
WAAA
KABAAA
DOOOUCH
WHAT WAS THAT?
I really hope that doesn't happen...

A DOG?

I KNOW I DON'T LIKE DOGS. BUT IT'S NOT LIKE I WANT THEM DEAD!
WHAT DO I DOO ?!!!
UH-
GAAAAAAAAAAAAH!!!
WHAT DO I DO NOW?!
What is this?!
AH AH AH
B-but can I randomly move it? What if it's already dead B-b-but regardless, I need to do something. But-But-But-But-But! But-But!
A VET CLINIC !!!
BINGO!!
A-A-A-ANYWAY, WH-WHAT DO I DO FIRST?!!
GP
WHERE'S THE NEAREST HOSPITAL?!
AB!

don
!

DIIIING DOOONG DIIIIING DOOOONG
Ah! I'm going to be late too?
It just fainted?
AH- OI-
HECK IF YOU'RE FINE, THEN SAY SOMETHING
HUH, DOGS ACTUALLY HAVE CUTE POINTS
Woosh
clack
AH- I NEED TO WASH MY FACE FIRST.


FWSH
FWSSSH
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What's wrong?
I fell
That's why I was late! Hahaha~
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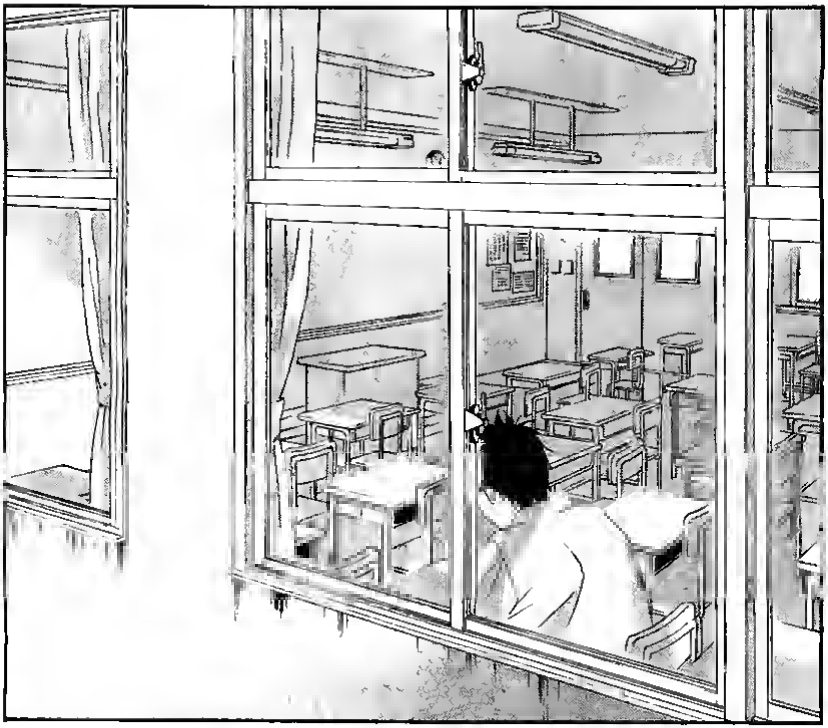
EXCUSE ME



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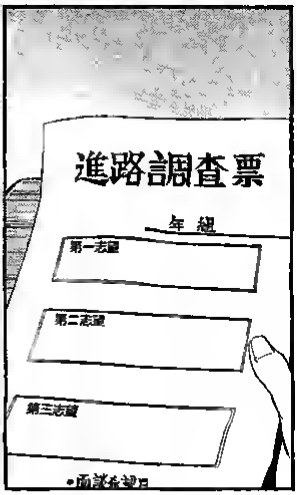
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第一志望
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第三志望
面談希望日

KACHAK
RIKU-CHAN~
BAM
WHERE DO WE START?
I DIDN'T HAVE SCIENCE CLASS TODAY SO I DON'T HAVE MY NOTE-BOOKS..
!
RIKU! DON'T TELL ME YOU TOOK NOTES FOR ME?!
WOW!
OF COURSE, IT'S TO TEACH YOU WITH.

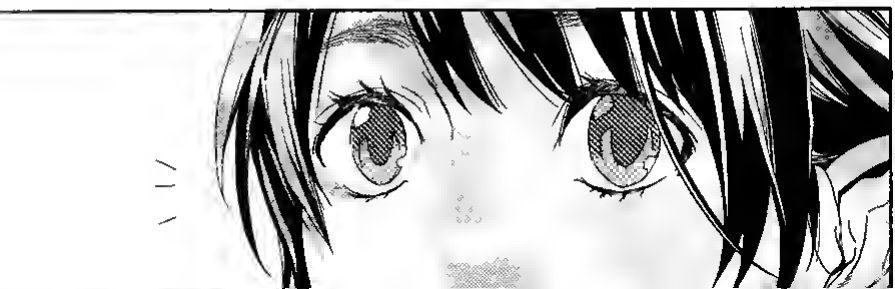
...
AND I'VE INCLUDED MY NOTES.

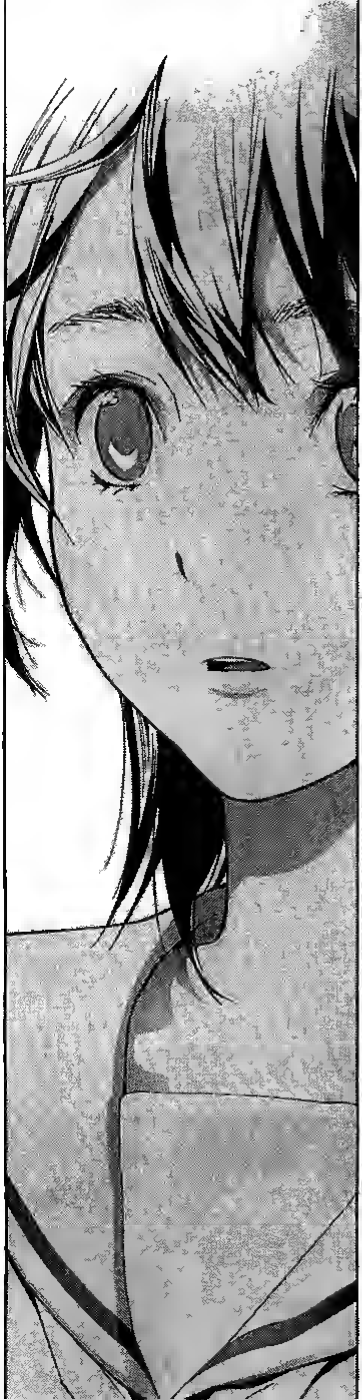
YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN THERE TO HELP ME.
Glint
EVEN THOUGH OUR GRADES WERE PRETTY MUCH THE SAME IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL,
I WONDER WHAT MADE THIS LARGE GAP.

That's because you've always depended on me,

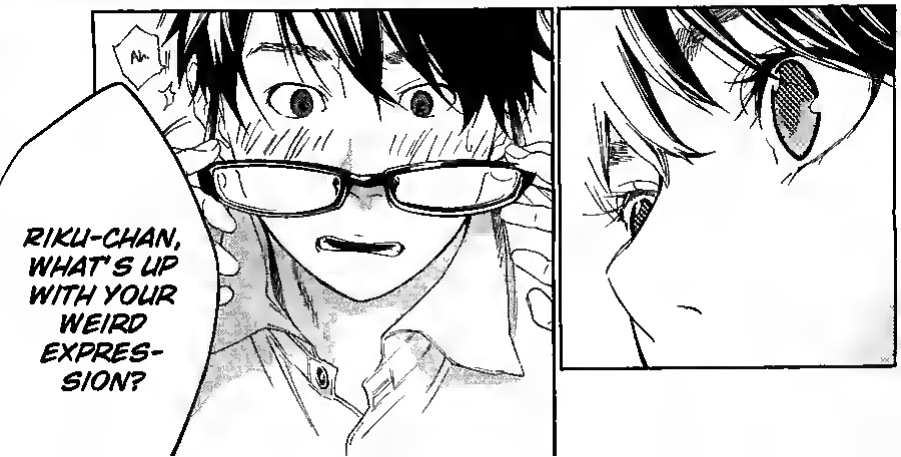
so I had to study hard to teach you.

Thus, my grades went up.





YOU NATURALLY STUPID IDI-OT.
YOU SHOULD REALIZE IT BY NOW,


Ah
RIKU-CHAN, WHAT'S UP WITH YOUR WEIRD EXPRES-SION?

YOU'RE PROBABLY THINKING THAT I'LL FAIL MY TESTS, RIGHT?
IT'S FINE!
BECAUSE
YOU'RE GOING TO HELP ME GO TO KYOTO, RIGHT?

don't have any ambitions.
Hey, give it back! I can't see
STOP LOOKING AT THEM!
You want finger marks
Your glasses are kinda dirty

I seriously don't want to part from Momoka!

Yet, this is my life.

but in the end, I still want to sort it out with them.

I've already opposed my parents,

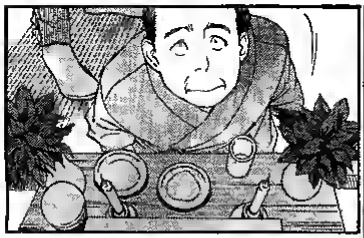
I want to go to the same university as Momoka...!!

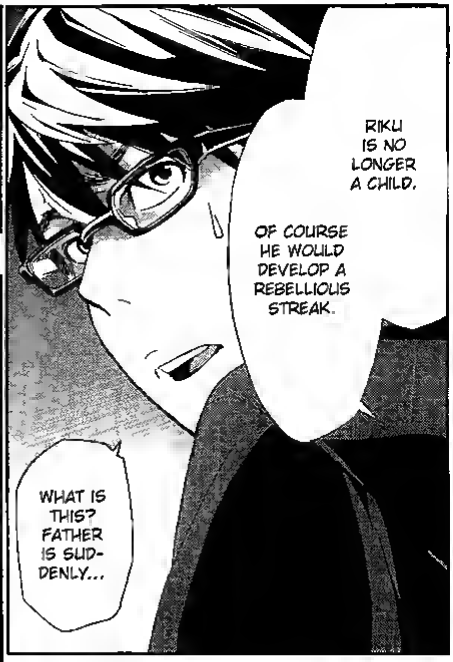
I AL-
READY
SAID
NO.

SO. AS. I'VE. ALREADY. SAID. YOU CANNOT LEAVE THIS PREFECTURE!!
YOU CAME HERE WITH SUCH A HUMBLE EXPRESSION. I THOUGHT YOU HAD A CHANGE OF HEART. TURNS OUT, YOUR CAREER SURVEY IS STILL THE SAME AS THIS MORNING'S. WHAT'RE YOU GETTING AT, HUH?!

GAH-GAH
SHUT—UP! LET'S SAY IF I GIVE THE OK, WHO'S GOING TO PAY THE TUITION AND LIVING EXPENSES?!
I DON'T GET YOU!! ISN'T THIS MY LIFE?! LET ME TAKE THE RISK!!!
IT'S NOT LIKE I REFUSED TO BE THE SUCCESSOR.
I'M GOING TO COME BACK TO KOMATSUSHIMA AFTER GRADUATION...
A NO IS A NO!!
Urk-

MAMA, SAY, I THINK IT'S ABOUT TIME TO REVEAL THE YAMATO SECRET TO RIKU, ISN'T IT?
!
PAPA...
I CAN'T WIN BY ARGUING!!
MY HEART SHALL SHATTER...
SLUMP
MAN UP AND SHOW ME YOU'RE CAPABLE OF TAKING CARE OF YOURSELF!!




RIKU IS NO LONGER A CHILD.
OF COURSE HE WOULD DEVELOP A REBELLIOUS STREAK.
WHAT IS THIS? FATHER IS SUDDENLY...

Clap
Clap

RIKU, LISTEN UP...
金長大明神
FROM NOW ON, EVERYTHING I SAY IS UNDENIABLY TRUE.
IT'S RELATED TO YOU.
IT'S A VERY IMPORTANT MATTER.
Screeeee Screeeee

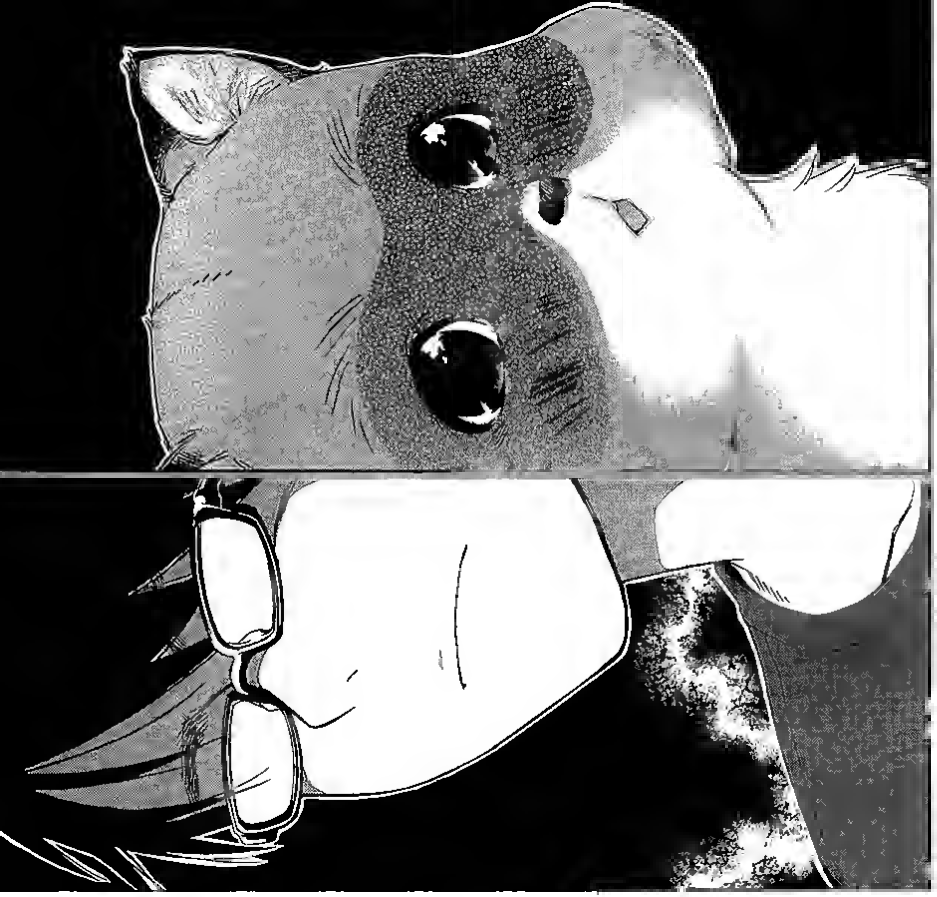
WHAT'S GOING ON...?
I feel like I'm on a battlefield!!!

Sr...
YOUR DESTINED WIFE...

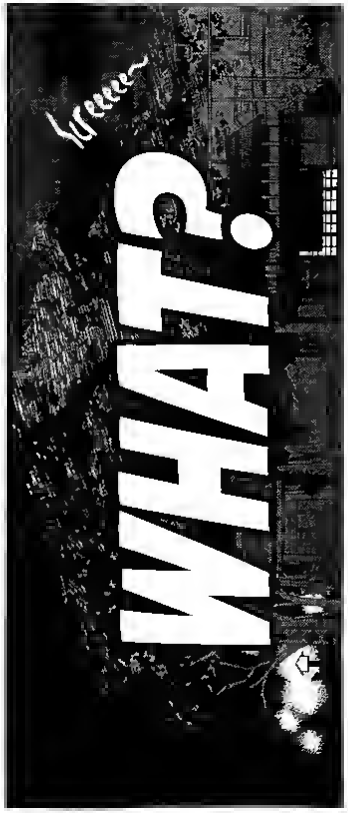
200 YEARS AGO BEGAN THE HANDING DOWN OF THE YAMATO SECRET.
THIS MISSION BEARS HEAVY RESPONSIBILITIES...
IT IS ALSO THE REASON WHY YOU CAN'T LEAVE KOMATSU-SHIMA.

THIS SAID MISSION
HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE DYE SHOP?
SO THIS MATTER MUST BE—
YOU WILL UNDER-STAND ONCE YOU SEE IT WITH YOUR OWN EYES.
Ey?
INTRODUC-ING...

MIYO-
CHAN.
DON



MY BRIDE-TO-BE... IS A TANUKI?!!!



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